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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN BEEF CONTRACT FOR AUSTRALIA

1. THE AUSTRALIAN MEAT BOARD (AMB) ANNOUNCED LATE YESTERDAY THAT A CONSORTIUM OF AUST. EXPORTERS LED BY NORWEST LTD. HAD WON A CONTRACT TO SUPPLY EGYPT 8,000 MT(PLUS OR MINUS 10 PERCENTAT THE SELLERS OPTION) OF MEDIUM QUALITY, FROZEN, BONELESS BEEF. IN ADDITION, CLAUSEN STEAM LINES (DENMARK) WON A CONTRACT TO SUPPLY 1,000 MT OF BONE-IN AND 1,050MT OF BONELESS AUST. BEEF. URUGUAY WILL SUPPLY 10,000 MT OF BONE-IN BEEF TO COMPLETE THE FIRST 20,000 MT CONTRACT.

2. DELIVERY TERMS FOR THE AUST. BEEF WERE FOR ARRIVAL IN EGYPT IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST. SHIPMENTS ARE TO BE MADE IN 2,000 TO 3,000 MT LOTS. THE PRICE FOR THE AUST. BONELESS BEEF WAS 1529.55 US DOLLARS PER MT, CIF ALEXANDRIA. THE CIF PRICE FOR THE BONE-IN BEEF FROM URUGUAY WAS 1152.00 US DOLLARS PER MT FOR ONE 2,000 MT LOT, AND 1179.00 US DOLLARS PER MT FOR THE SECOND 8,000 MT LOT.

3. THE CONTRACT WAS SOMEWHAT LESS THAN THE 15,000 MT AUST.

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HAD HOPED FOR, BUT THE PRICE WAS CONSIDERED TO BE SATISFACTORY. THE FAS PRICE ON THE AUST. BONELESS BEEF WOULD WORK BACK TO ABOUT 47 AUST. CENTS PER POUND WHICH IS JUST SLIGHTLY UNDER THE CURRENT US PRICE FOR COMPARABLE QUALITY BEEF.

4. ACCORDING TO THE AMB, EGYPT WILL BE IN THE MARKET FOR AN ADDITIONAL 44,000 MT OF BEEF THIS YEAR. 4,000 MT OF THIS HAS

REPORTEDLY ALREADY BEEN PURCHASED FROM PRC. AUST, HOPES TO
GET ABOUT HALF THE REMAINING 40,000 MT, BRINGING TOTAL SALES
TO NEARLY 30,000 MT IN 1977.
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